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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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*May 2, 1:30 PM - Organizational meeting for new afternoon book group, home of Carolyn Smith, 4063 Los Altos Drive, Pebble Beach

*May 13, 10:00 AM - Romancing the Coast takes the Marina Garden Tour (starting at Marina Library, 190 Seaside Avenue, Marina) and has lunch at Wild Thyme (445 Reservation Road, Marina)

*May 21, 1:30 - 4:00 PM - Branch meeting, House of

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Coordinator: Kathy Poulson

Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, May 16, 10 AM

Crow Lake

by Mary Lawson

Leader: LaVerne Whitmill

Refreshments: Miriam Lilley

Mon, June 20, 10 AM

Avenue of Mysteries

by John Irving

Leader: Susan Murphy

Refreshments: Lois Carroll

Mon, July 18, 10 AM

We Never Asked for Wings

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Leader: Kathy Poulson

Refreshments: Nancy Soule'

Mon, August 15, 10 AM

The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

Leader: Donna Pribble

Refreshments: Valda Fletcher

Afternoon Books

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith

Tues, May 10, 2 PM

Everything I Never Told You

by Celeste Ng

Hostess: Carolyn Smith

RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Tues, June 14, 2 PM

Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

Hostess: Kathleen Fischer

RSVP: katfischer@earthlink.net

Tues, July 12, 2 PM

Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

Hostess: Kathleen Stacey

RSVP: yecats123@comcast.net

Four Winds, 540 Calle Principal, Monterey
Topic - Privateer Bouchard and the Battle of
Monterey. Speaker is Michael Sovereign.
Also the annual meeting to elect the new board.

*June 3, 6:00 PM - Couples Gourmet planning
meeting, home of Kathy Poulson, 1092 Presidio
Road, Pebble Beach

*June 18, 12:30 PM - Romancing the Coast has
lunch and a planning meeting at Steinbeck House,
132 Central Avenue, Salinas

*August 15 - Deadline for Sept/Oct newsletter
articles to Caryl Rojas

*August 28, 12:30 PM - Branch picnic at Whispering
Pines Park, Pacific and Alameda Streets, Monterey

MAY BRANCH MEETING: Battle of Monterey & Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 21

Time: 1:30 - 4:00 PM

Place: House of Four Winds

540 Calle Principal, Monterey

Speaker: Michael Sovereign on Battle of Monterey

Program: Historical Talk, Board Elections and Wine
Reception

Donation: \$10

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and talk by
local historian Mike Sovereign. We will report on
branch accomplishments over the past year and
elect new officers for the next two years. After
Mike's talk, we will enjoy a wine reception with
hors d'oeuvres.

Mike will give us a head start in planning for an
important but little known milestone in the history
of the City of Monterey and our region. His talk will
focus on the 1818 attack on Monterey Bay by the
Privateer Hippolyte Bouchard of Argentina. This
siege, the only recorded land-sea battle ever
fought on the West Coast, put Monterey under the
Argentine flag for six days. That bombardment and
subsequent fire was a turning point that influenced
the composition and culture of the city we know

Tues, August 9, 2PM
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Book Store
by Robin Sloan
Hostess: Carolyn Bazzani
RSVP: bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com

Evening Books
Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

Tues, May 17, 7 PM
The Children's Crusade
by Ann Packer
Hostess: Karen Weill
RSVP: kweill@comcast.net
Leader: Mary Conway

Tues, June 21, 7 PM
Lost for Words
by Edward St. Aubyn
Hostess: Pat Fletcher
RSVP: pletcher_ca@yahoo.com
Leader: Informal discussion, pot luck and planning

New Afternoon Book Group

Organizational Meeting

When: Monday, May 2
Time: 1:30 PM
Where: Home of Carolyn Smith
4063 Los Altos Drive
Pebble Beach

RSVP: 625-5256 or
stacaro@aol.com

Attendees will determine book club times, places and genres at that meeting.

today. Mike will enlighten us with fascinating historical details to prepare us for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2018. (Read more about the Battle of Monterey in this link to [Monterey Bay Partisan](#).)

During Monterey's fascinating history we have been under the Spanish, Argentinian, Spanish again and Mexican governments, until we finally became part of the United States of America. We are fortunate that many of our historical sites and landmarks have been preserved so that we can visualize how we have become the amazing community that we are today.

Annual Meeting and Board Election



Per our bylaws, the four positions elected by the general membership are President, Membership Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Below, please find the slate put forth by the committee. Other nominations may be made, with permission of the nominee.

Slate:

Co-Presidents: Pat Fletcher
Nancy Soule'

Co-Membership VPs: Nancy Edwards
Pat Gotch

Treasurer: Kathy Poulson

Co-Secretaries: Miriam Lilley
Kathleen Wall

For a map to House of Four Winds, click [here](#).

RSVP: Kathleen Wall, WallPlus@aol.com or 920-7626

BOARD MEETING

June 2

5:00 PM

Home of Pat Fletcher
6 Overlook Place, Monterey

This is a potluck dinner and transition board meeting for both "old" and "new" board members.

The next meeting for the new board will be on Thursday, September 1.

Member Directory

Online Directories:

Remember: The password to our password-protected online directory on our website is on the third page of your purple directory. This is where all of our members' contact information is readily accessible.

(<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>)

NEW MEMBER:

Paula Cathey
735 Grace Street
Monterey, CA 93940
831-345-3712
pacathey@icloud.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you all what an honor and privilege it has been to be a member of the Monterey Peninsula Branch board since 2004. The friendships and good times that have come out of my membership in AAUW-MPB can be yours also, and I hope they will.

Miriam and I have shared the presidency these past two years, and enjoyed our camaraderie. Our duties have been worked out seamlessly and I so appreciate having had such a wonderful partner to work with as co-president. Our board has done a stellar job, working hard to make it all go smoothly for you.

I hope you all have taken the opportunity to check out the state and national websites. You can find the bios of those who have been supported by the Educational Opportunity funds, the Legal Advocacy plaintiffs we have supported in their quest for equality, and much more. At the state level, there is information about bills our Advocate has been asked to support for AAUW-CA.

Of course, our social events are also important, as well as our interest groups. Please continue enjoying all the possibilities we afford you with your membership. Remember, this is your organization, so if you want to organize a new interest group, or chair a committee, please step forward. One often gets more out of an experience by being an integral part of making it happen.

Being part of such a vibrant branch and an organization with such a level of accomplishment should make you all proud.

See you all soon,
Sharyn

Miriam Lilley and Sharyn Siebert, co-presidents

New Member Bios

Paula Cathey

Paula grew up in Honolulu, graduating from UH lab school. She had a French major and Spanish minor at SF State University. She has taught Migrant and bilingual Education, high school French and Spanish, and adult ESL. At the same time, she was a flamenco and Spanish dance soloist with Rosa Montoya and Theater Flamenco of San Francisco. Though long retired, she keeps busy painting, volunteering on behalf of shelter animals, traveling, dancing, and exploring sustainable "intentional" communities all over the United States.

Bonnie D. Irwin

Bonnie is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at CSUMB, overseeing all academic colleges and programs. She received her BA, MA, and PhD in Comparative Literature from UC, Berkeley, where she studied medieval Spanish

PUBLIC POLICY

April 12 was Equal Pay Day for women, but did you know that African American women's equal pay day is in August, Native American women's equal pay day is in September, and Latina women's equal pay day is in October?

AAUW has been working on and requesting that we let our Senators know we expect them to do their job and hold hearings on President Obama's nomination to the Supreme Court

Lucy Campen, Public Policy Chair

Local Scholarships Program Update



Service and Support: Our AAUW branch will help serve our community by staffing a polling place in Pacific Grove for the Tuesday, June 7, Primary election. It is shaping up to be an exciting election!! Volunteers donate the moneys they receive to the AAUW Local Scholarship program, which raises at least \$850 for our scholarship program from each election. If you are able to work a 3-4 hour shift at the election, please contact our dedicated AAUW Inspector, Tama Olver, at tamaolver@gmail.com or 869-2748.

and Arabic literature. After a 15-year teaching career, she moved into academic administration, in which she has worked for 12 years. This is her second year as provost. In her spare time, she reads, travels, and pursues her hobby of photography.

Barbara Oggerino

Barbara grew up in North Carolina, and attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Nursing School at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N. C. Her husband's job moved them several times, ending up in California in 1965 in Sacramento. She worked in several medically related jobs. Except for three years in Switzerland, they lived in Los Gatos for 32 years until moving here to be near their daughter. They have both been retired for several years and enjoy music, bridge and the beach.

The AAUW-MPB Website

<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>



Scholarship Update: We will be interviewing our scholarship finalists at CSUMB and MPC in late April and early May. Watch for information about our winners by early summer on our website <http://mpb-ca.aauw.net> in the Community Section.

Proposed Bylaw Change: The AAUW-MPB Local Scholarship program receives direction from the local AAUW Board, but it is a separate 501(c)(3) entity from the branch and has a separate set of bylaws. Changes to the Local Scholarship bylaws must be voted upon at an AAUW General Meeting. At the May 21st General Meeting, attendees will be asked to vote on the following changes to the Local Scholarship bylaws. The purpose of the changes is to gain flexibility in the size of the Local Scholarship Committee. The committee is currently restricted to three members. The requested changes to the bylaws allow for a flexible committee size to adapt to the interests and programs of the organization over time. Please contact Pat Fletcher at pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com if you would like to receive a full copy of the current bylaws.

Proposed Changes:

1. Change this text in Article II. Government from:
"The Local Scholarship Program governance shall be comprised of a chairperson plus three members, one of whom shall serve as treasurer."
to:
"The Local Scholarship Program governance shall be comprised of a chairperson plus a minimum of two committee members, one of

The AAUW-CA Website

<http://aauw-ca.org>

This is the AAUW California website. The members-only section requires the following:

User Name: member
Password: aauwca

whom shall serve as the Local Scholarship Treasurer."

2. Change the first duty of the Local Scholarship chairperson in Article XI. Duties from:

"1. To select three members to serve on the committee."

to:

"1. To select a minimum of two members to serve on the committee."

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director

Sept. - Oct. Messenger

Please send articles for the September - October newsletter to Caryl Rojas at rojas@ultimanet.com by August 15.

TECH TREK

PROMOTING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

We have chosen three Tech Trek Scholarship winners for 2016; Miranda "Lulu" Moitoso from Los Arboles Middle School in Marina, Machara Herring from Walter Colton Middle School in Monterey, and Jayne Eldredge from Buena Vista Middle School in Las Palmas. They will be attending Camp Grace Hopper, AAUW's Tech Trek STEM camp at Stanford University, July 3-9, 2016. They were chosen from a group of 36 girls who were initially nominated by their teachers at Monterey Peninsula Middle Schools. Ten girls submitted their applications, all 10 were interviewed by the Tech Trek Committee on March 19, and the committee chose three winners and two alternates. Thanks to the Louise V. Setlow scholarship, established by Charlene Setlow, we have been able to add the third winner this year.

Each scholarship is worth \$900, and our Monterey Peninsula Branch needs to raise funds each year to send our 7th-grade girls to camp. Our next fundraiser will be in October, and we encourage your attendance to hear our winners talk about their week at Stanford.

Our committee, Dr. Pamela Craig, Charlene Setlow, Karen Snow, and Carol Young, spent many

CONGRATULATIONS

Student AAUW Chapter

Congratulations to the new student AAUW chapter at CSUMB, our university partner, on their official national AAUW recognition. This chapter can be found on the list and map shown on national's website. Great going to all who made this happen!

Elizabeth Hensley

Elizabeth is the founder and driving force behind the establishment of the student AAUW chapter at CSUMB, our university partner. She is a Human Communications major, a McNair and UROC Scholar, and was Editor in Chief of Otter Realm, the campus newspaper, 2014-2015. She was recently chosen for commencement's highest honor, The President's Award for Exemplary Student Achievement, which will be presented at Honors Convocation on Friday, May 20, at 12:30 PM in Freeman Stadium. She invites anyone from our branch who can make it to attend.

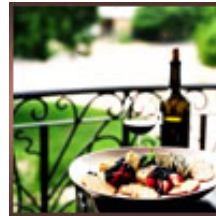
Elizabeth has accepted admission to Kennesaw State University's American Studies M.A. program in Kennesaw, Georgia, with full funding. She will be working as a graduate research assistant, with interests in diversity and representation in American news media, and American social movements. We wish her great success as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.

hours reading all the applications and essays, and interviewing these bright young ladies. We feel that this opportunity will make a real difference in the lives of the girls we chose, and AAUW members should feel proud for promoting this program. Thank you to every member who generously contributed to this year's camp effort.

[Congratulations to Marilyn Erickson, who has been accepted to be a Dorm Mom at Camp Grace Hopper. - Ed.]

Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator

COUPLES GOURMET DINNER Planning Meeting



Date: Friday, June 3
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: home of Kathy Poulson
1092 Presidio Road, Pebble Beach

Ladies, it is that time of year when we do the planning for next season's Gourmet Dinner group. Gordon and I will host the event at our home. As usual, you are asked to bring a heavy appetizer and a bottle of something to share. In addition, come with your ideas for themes. Remember that we will vote and choose four. Be as creative as you want; past ones have included The Titanic, White House, various foreign foods, etc. If you are unable to attend, you may still forward ideas to be considered. This is a NEW YEAR and the group is open to everyone. Husbands are welcome to the June 3rd get-together. If you have any questions, or need directions, please call or email me.

Kathy Poulson
PLEASE RSVP: 324-0760 or abeachlov@gmail.com

April's Meeting: Title IX

We had a most informative meeting at CSUMB, held jointly with the student chapter of AAUW, on the topic of Title IX. The program was presented by Wendy Smith, the CSUMB Title IX Coordinator. We were very pleased that some of the students were able to take time from their busy schedules to attend. Attendees included branch president Sharyn Siebert; student members Tara Peters, Elizabeth Hensley, Romy Brenner, Ruby Boyle and Marilyn Florek; branch members Charlene Setlow, Caroline Haskell and Bonnie Irwin; and speaker Wendy Smith.



A Picnic in the Park with AAUW



Date: Sunday, August 28

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: Whispering Pines Park
Pacific and Alameda Streets, Monterey

Join us for a potluck picnic lunch with good food and interesting friends at Whispering Pines Park. In addition to your spouse or significant other, please consider inviting a friend whom you think would be a good addition to AAUW.

If you'd like to help plan any activities for the picnic, please contact Fatima Dias at AAUWMonterey@gmail.com. We'd welcome your ideas and help in implementing them.

Please bring:

- * A yummy dish to share with 8-10 people.
Based on your last name, please bring:
A-R: appetizer or savory dish, including salad
S-Z: dessert
- * Serving utensils for your dish
- * Utensils and plates for you and your guests
IF you don't want paper plates and plastic cutlery
- * Drinks -- we will have disposable cups and water

Please RSVP to Fatima by August 25 at 917-4693 or click the button below.

Romancing the Coast

Memories

Our March visit to the train museum in Salinas was enjoyed by all, in spite of the rain. It included both full sized train cars, with an explanation of their functions, and an elaborate model railroad showing many sites in Monterey County. Our group included Dick Grimmer, Nelly Wright, Dave and Caryl Rojas, Lois Carroll, Sandy Grimmer, Nancy Soule' and Nancy Iverson.



What a fun day we had in April. We saw the amazing succulent and cactus show and enjoyed lunch in Los Jardines' garden, in San Juan Bautista.



Whispering Pines Park (click [here](#) for a map) is at Pacific and Alameda Streets in Monterey. It is on the same side of Pacific as the Library and down the street from the Library and Colton Hall.

ROMANCING THE COAST

May - Gardens and Beyond

Date: Friday, May 13

Time: 10:00 AM

Program: Marina Garden Tour and lunch

We will meet in the lobby of the Marina Library, 190 Seaside Avenue, for a map of garden locations. Carpooling is a good idea; check with Nancy Iverson (455-8229) around May 11 for a likely partner. To get to the library, take Hwy. 1 to the Reservation Road exit. Go east (right) on Reservation Road to the roundabout; there you circle around to the third exit where you turn onto Seaside Avenue. For a map to the library, click [here](#). Lunch will be at Wild Thyme Deli & Cafe, 445 Reservation Road.

June - Lunch at Steinbeck House

Date: Saturday, June 18

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Steinbeck House, 132 Central Avenue, Salinas

Steinbeck House, built in 1897, is where John was born in 1902. The house is on the National Register for Historic Places.

This is the group's annual planning meeting, so all who are interested should bring ideas and information for a brain storming session after a complete "soup to coffee and dessert" meal. Dress is as formal as you choose.

To get there, take Rt. 68 east to Salinas, where it becomes S. Main Street. Follow that through town and it eventually curves left to become Central. Park on the street. For a map, click [here](#).

RSVP to Nancy Iverson, 455-8229, as seating is limited.